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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Akihiro HIKICHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1771
Application No.: 09/901,722) Examiner: N.L. Torres-Velazquez
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For: NON-ASBESTOS FRICTION)
MATERIAL)

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2004.

Prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested. A current listing of claims follows on page 2.

Arguments/remarks follow the listing of claims and begin on page 4.